

Embracing Health Equity

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Throughout the remainder of this year, all CPH staff will receive monthly Health Equity “News Blasts” that will serve to raise awareness on topics relevant to achieving optimal health for all. These blasts are brought to you by the CPH Diversity & Equity Committee and the CPH Health Equity Section.

Social Justice & Health Equity

There are many current news headlines, both locally and nationally, making it evident that people are grappling with concerns around social justice in our neighborhoods. These are not issues that can be ignored, and they inevitably have an impact on us all.

Columbus Public Health’s Diversity & Equity Committee has two ways in which we are attempting to provide an opportunity for honest and thought provoking discourse around these topics, while also reinforcing strategies for effective engagement and relationship building with our clients and colleagues.

“The Big Table” Day of Community Building



More than 1,000 Columbus residents are expected to participate in at least 125 conversations held across the region. The hosted conversations of 8-12 participants will be an opportunity for people to express ideas about the strengths and challenges we face as a community. Columbus Public Health will host 5 of these conversations exclusively for our staff.

We are bringing people together for meaningful conversation and experiences that can lead to growth and healing (the racial divide in our city). The Big Table will give participants an opportunity to share their thoughts about creating a promising future for our community and right here, within our own department.

You can register to participate in one of our CPH hosted conversations [here](#).

If you are interested in also hosting a community conversation here at CPH, your faith institution, or even in your home, you can learn more about getting involved by visiting *The Columbus Foundation* website [here](#).

The Embracing Health Equity Training Series

The Diversity & Equity Committee invites you to attend our health equity training series. All training dates, times, and locations can be found [here](#), along with a brief description of training session content and registration information.

Each training will conclude with a facilitated discussion led by staff from the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. This year’s topics include:

- Moving from Cultural Competency to Cultural Humility
- Enhanced CLAS Standards
- Effectively Engaging Residents in the Communities we Serve
- Trauma Informed Care

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